

THE INVENTION CLAIMED IS:

1. An illumination system comprising:
viewing illumination at a surrogate's location; and
recreating the illumination at a user's location as a relative perceived illumination.
5. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
viewing the illumination determines absolute luminance values; and
recreating the illumination provides a relative perceived luminance.
10. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
recreating the illumination includes calculating the relative perceived illumination by
at least one of scaling linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling linearly
from the brightest illumination, scaling non-linearly from a midpoint
illumination, scaling with varying base illumination, and a combination
thereof.
15. The system as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising:
viewing the illumination uses a camera and a light sensor directed outward from the
surrogate; and
recreating the illumination uses a projector directed inward towards a projection
screen at the user's location.
20. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
viewing the illumination uses cameras and light sensors directed outward from the
surrogate;
recreating the illumination uses projectors directed inward towards projection screens
around the user; and
additionally comprising:
viewing the user from cameras directed inward towards the user to provide an image
of the user; and
displaying the image of the user on the surrogate having illumination appropriate for
the surrogate's location.
25. An illumination method comprising:
viewing illumination at a surrogate's location in directions outward from the
surrogate;
determining the absolute luminance values of the illumination;

transmitting the absolute luminance values to a user's location;
calculating relative perceived luminance values;
recreating the illumination at the user's location in directions inward towards the user
using a relative perceived illumination determined from the calculated relative
perceived luminance values.

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7. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
recreating the illumination includes ramping the luminance between the directions
inward towards the user to make the ramping and a derivative of the ramping
continuous.

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8. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
calculating relative perceived luminance values includes calculating by at least one of
scaling linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling linearly from the
brightest illumination, scaling non-linearly from a midpoint illumination,
scaling with varying base illumination, and a combination thereof.

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9. The method as claimed in claim 6 additionally comprising:
viewing the illumination uses cameras and two light sensors for each of the cameras,
the cameras and light sensors directed outward from the surrogate; and
recreating the illumination uses projectors directed inward towards projection screens
at the user's location around the user, the projectors changing illumination by
20 at least one of varying projector power, using an electrochromic glass, a
combination of fixed and rotating polarizing filters, and a combination thereof.

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10. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
viewing the illumination uses cameras and two light sensors for each of the cameras,
the cameras and light sensors directed outward from the surrogate; and
recreating the illumination uses projectors directed inward towards projection screens
25 at the user's location around the user; and
additionally comprising:
viewing the user from cameras directed inward towards the user to provide images of
the user; and
30 displaying the images of the user on the surrogate having illumination appropriate for
the surrogate's location.

11. An illumination system comprising:
video equipment for viewing illumination at a surrogate's location; and
video equipment for recreating the illumination at a user's location as a relative perceived illumination.
- 5 12. The system as claimed in claim 11 wherein:
the video equipment for viewing the illumination determines absolute luminance values; and
the video equipment for recreating the illumination provides a relative perceived luminance.
- 10 13. The system as claimed in claim 11 wherein:
video equipment for recreating the illumination includes calculating the relative perceived illumination by at least one of scaling linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling linearly from the brightest illumination, scaling non-linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling with varying base illumination, and a combination thereof.
- 15 14. The system as claimed in claim 11 additionally comprising:
video equipment for viewing the illumination uses a camera and a light sensor directed outward from the surrogate; and
video equipment for recreating the illumination uses a projector directed inward towards a projection screen at the user's location.
- 20 15. The system as claimed in claim 11 wherein:
video equipment for viewing the illumination uses cameras and light sensors directed outward from the surrogate;
video equipment for recreating the illumination uses projectors directed inward towards projection screens around the user; and
25 additionally comprising:
video equipment for viewing the user from cameras directed inward towards the user to provide an image of the user; and
video equipment for displaying the image of the user on the surrogate having illumination appropriate for the surrogate's location.
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16. A system of illumination comprising:
cameras for viewing illumination at a surrogate's location in directions outward from
the surrogate;
light sensors for determining the absolute luminance values of the illumination;
5 a transmitter for transmitting the absolute luminance values to a user's location;
a computer for calculating relative perceived luminance values;
projectors for recreating the illumination at the user's location in directions inward
towards the user using a relative perceived illumination determined from the
calculated relative perceived luminance values.

10 17. The system as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
the projectors for recreating the illumination includes video equipment for ramping
the luminance between the directions inward towards the user to make the
ramping and a derivative of the ramping continuous.

15 18. The system as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
the computer calculates relative perceived luminance values by at least one of scaling
linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling linearly from the brightest
illumination, scaling non-linearly from a midpoint illumination, scaling with
varying base illumination, and a combination thereof.

20 19. The system as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
the cameras have two light sensors for each camera; and
the projectors include video equipment for changing illumination including a
projector power changer, electrochromic glass, a combination of fixed and
rotating polarizing filters, and a combination thereof.

25 20. The system as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
the cameras have two light sensors for each camera; and
the projectors include equipment for changing illumination; and
additionally comprising:
cameras directed inward towards the user to provide images of the user; and
the surrogate having displays for displaying the user with illumination appropriate for
30 the surrogate's location.